

B-3439 - B-3450

c.1840-1900

1138-1108 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The west side of the 1100 block of S. Charles St. was originally improved with groups of two story plus attic and small three story, two bay wide, gable-roofed houses that served as combination residential/commercial structures. Only a few of these survive in their original exterior form (1134 and 1124 S. Charles St., which are two story plus attic houses, and 1114 and 1116 S. Charles St., which are three story, gable-roofed houses), the remainder having been enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War to a full three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. All currently still serve a combined residential/commercial function. 1118-1120 S. Charles St. is a large three story, four bay wide brick building with shed roof and stepped roofline. The facade has been faced with cut stone and there is both brownstone and stamped sheet metal, Classical Revival style trim. This structure was built around the turn of the century to serve as a department store, as it still does today.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1134 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_SITE

\_\_OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_FEDERAL \_\_STATE \_\_COUNTY \_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

B-3441

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT

☒ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story plus attic brick house with gable roof is one of the two surviving two and a half story gable roofed houses that originally formed part of a row of such houses extending along this side of Charles St. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front.

The house is two and a half stories in height, 12' wide, and occupies a lot 64' deep. The house is constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a two-tier brick cornice. There is a covered rectangular chimney located along the south side of the rear roof gable.

The second and third story window openings have flat wood lintels and wood sills. The second floor window openings are filled with new 6/6 sash; the attic story window openings are filled with new 3/3 sash. The first floor area has been converted into a store-front that is continuous with the store-front at 1136 S. Charles St. The first floor facade is faced with wood siding and there is a multi-light glass and panel door set in the northernmost bay, flanked by a multi-light store window. A projecting plain shed cornice extends across both store-front areas.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1837-1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John A. Allers

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house, and the adjoining house at 1132 S. Charles St. seem to have been built primarily as dwellings, and not as combination residential/commercial properties as were the two neighboring houses, also built by the Allers, at 1136-1138 S. Charles St. The house is representative of a large group of such two story plus attic houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in the Federal Hill area to accomodate the growing labor force centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Although showing possible stylistic influences from Greek Revival style buildings constructed in Baltimore in the 1820's and 1830's (in the proportions of the attic windows and the chaste exterior details), the outstanding feature of these houses is their extreme simplicity of design and detailing. They are practical adaptations of a current mode of building, designed to meet the need for efficient, low-cost housing for a growing working class community. The floor plan is essentially the same as that of the two story with dormer windows type of house which generally preceded this type chronologically--the two main floors having both a front and back room separated by an enclosed, narrow, and tightly winding staircase. The kitchen was usually located in a rear addition. The increase in the height of the third story (from a dormer story to an attic story) allowed the third story to be divided into two separate rooms, in place of the one open roon usual with the dormer-storied houses, thus providing welcome additional, private living space.

This house, and the adjoining houses at 1132-1138 S. Charles St. were built by John A. Allers, a brickmaker whose brickyards were located south on the Ferry Rd., and who operated a brick, lime, and hair cement store at 1136 S. Charles St. in the 1850's and 1860's. Allers' brother Diedrich, operated a grocery and feed store during this same period at 1138 S. Charles St.<sup>1</sup> Allers sold this house in 1867 for \$1000 to a Martin Rudolph, an engineer, who lived here in the late 1860's.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory 1855-56, 1860-1870; Baltimore City Land Records, Liber AM 339, Folio 395

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12' x 64'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

5/79  
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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

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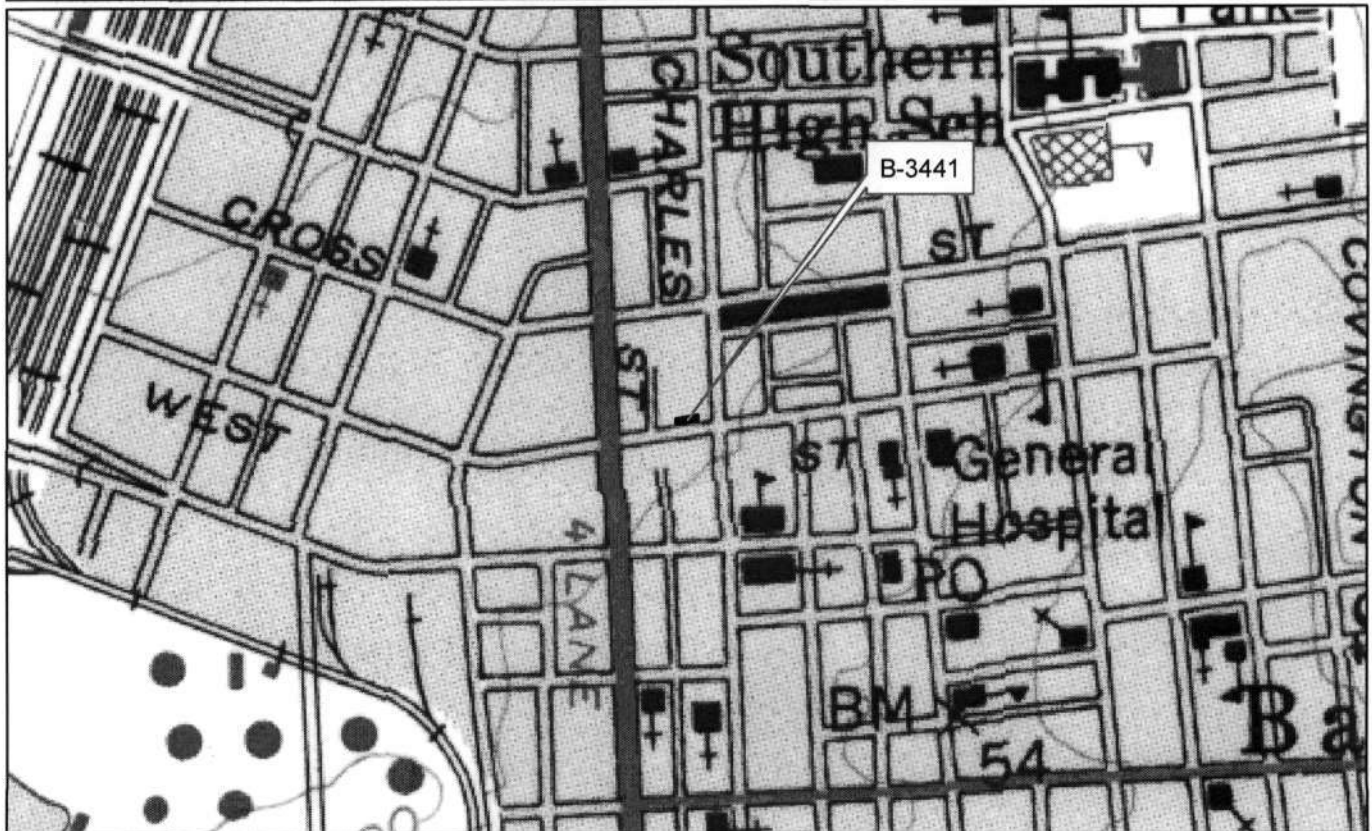
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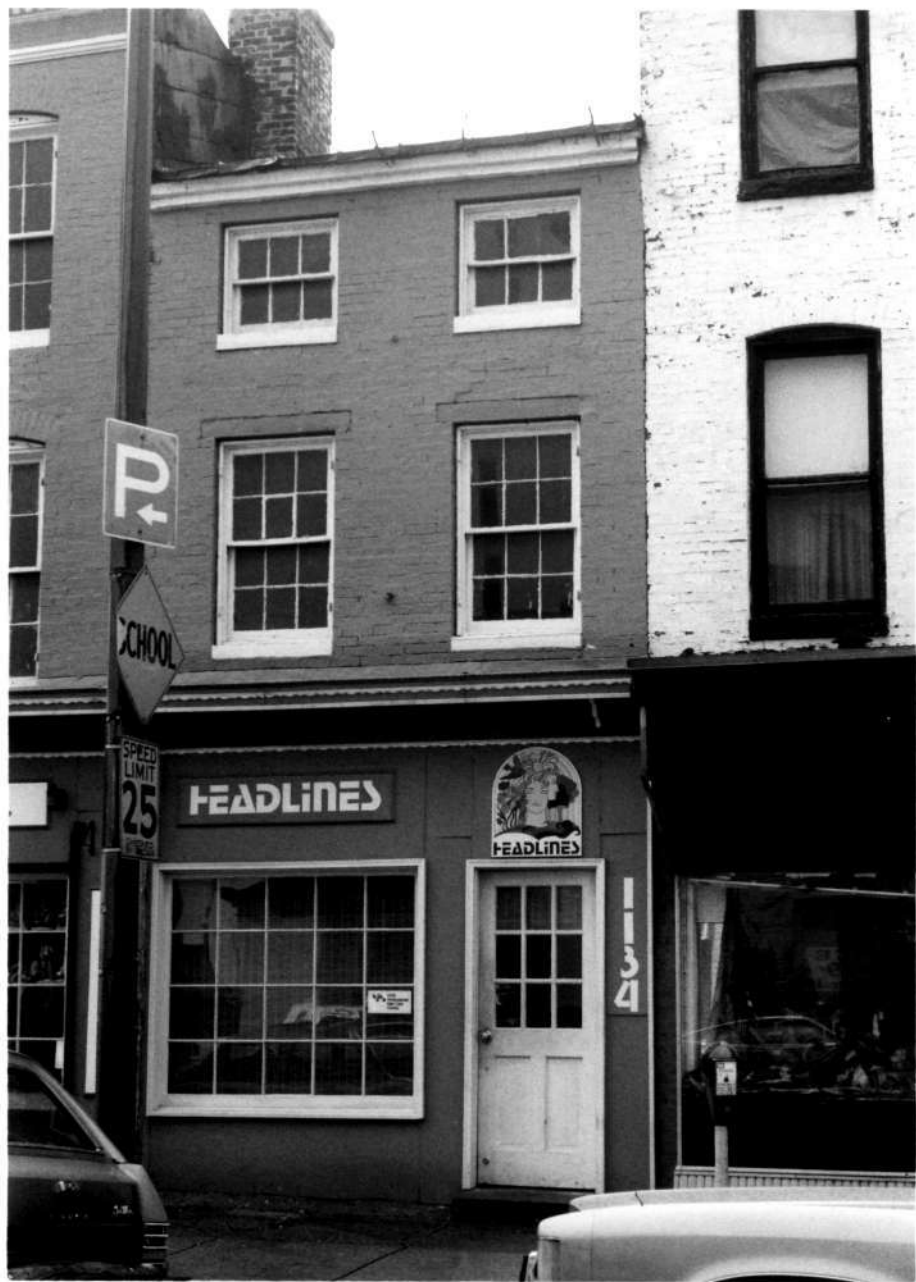
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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1134 S. Charles St.

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East elevation